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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2540

INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

UNCLAS BUDAPEST 0143

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, HU

SUBJ: CRASH OF MALEV AIRCRAFT

REF: 10 FAM 521.7

PASS FAA

1. AN ILUSHIN 18 BELONGING TO MALEV AIRLINES, THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL CARRIER, CRASHED IN POOR VISIBILITY ON ITS FINAL APPROACH AT BUDAPEST'S FERIHEGY AIRPORT AT ABOUT 1700 HOURS ON JANUARY 15. THE CREW OF NINE WAS KILLED. NO PASSENGERS WERE ON BOARD.

2. THE ILL-FATED FLIGHT WAS RETURNING FROM EAST BERLIN. ACCORDING TO ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT, THE PILOT WAS ADVISED TO BREAK HIS APPROACH, MAKE A 90 DEGREE TURN, AND HEAD FOR DEBRECEN AIR BASE. SOURCES SPECULATE THAT PILOT NEGOTIATED TURN WITHOUT ADDING POWER AND AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON RUNWAY NEAR MAIN PASSENGER TERMINAL. ANOTHER REPORT STATES THAT THE PILOT SIMPLY MISSED RUNWAY AND LANDED IN FIELD, EXPLODING ON IMPACT. BUDAPEST HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY HEAVY FOG FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS AND FERIHEGY AIRPORT HAS BEEN OPERATING SPORADICALLY. THE AIRPORT HAS NOW BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALLY CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE CRASH, WHICH APPARENTLY

ALSO DAMAGED CERTAIN GROUND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT.
POST WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS SHOULD THEY BECOME
AVAILABLE.
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